

Title: Patron Guidelines Governing the Use of the Number: LCC-34

LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MEMBER LIBRARIES

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I. <u>OBJECTIVE</u>

To guarantee the rights of patrons to a proper atmosphere in their use of the Lake County Library System Member Libraries by establishing basic rules of conduct.

II. DEFINITIONS AND REFERENCES

A. Florida Statutes 810.09 and 877.03

B. <u>Member Libraries</u>

Libraries which meet the "Guidelines and Minimum Standards for Public Libraries Entering the County Library System", Lake County Policy Number LCC-7; and which through their local governing bodies, have entered into an Interlocal Agreement with Lake County to Provide library service to the residents of Lake County.

III. DIRECTIVES

- A. Any behavior or activity which interferes with normal library usage is not acceptable.
- B. In order to insure a congenial and safe environment for patrons which is conducive to reading and study, the Lake County Library System and its Member Libraries prohibit the following:
 - 1. Abusive use of library facilities or equipment.
 - 2. Alcohol and illicit substances.
 - 3. Fighting.
 - 4. Food and beverages in non-designated areas.
 - 5. Harassment of others or creating any disturbance that interferes with the normal operations of the library.
 - 6. Smoking.

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- C. Patrons using the library are required to wear shoes and shirts.
- D. The Library will not be responsible for children left unattended in the Library at any time. Member Library staff may request assistance from the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- E. Individuals failing to follow this policy will be asked to leave the library facility or property until the problem is corrected. The appropriate law enforcement agency will be called by Member Library staff if necessary.
- F. This policy shall be carried out under the direction of the Member Library Directors according to individual Member Library approved procedures.

IV. RESERVATION OF AUTHORITY

The authority to issue or revise this policy is reserved to the Lake County Board of County Commissioners.

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Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

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